

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Panchayats – Bhupalpally Gram Panchayat – Appeal Petition filed by Smt. Burra Soundarya, Sarpanch, Bhupalpally Gram Panchayat and Mandal, Warangal District – against Proceedings of the District Panchayat Officer, Warangal District - Appeal Petition Rejected - Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (PTS.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No. 1106

Date:28- 07-2010.
Read the following:-

1. From the Dist. Panchayat Officer, Warangal Dist., Procds. No. 1772/A2/2009,
Dated 03-07-2010.
2. Appeal petition received from Smt. Burra Soundarya, Sarpanch, Bhupalpally Gram Panchayat and Mandal, Warangal District. dt. 3-8-2009.
3. Govt. Memo. No. 15865/Pts.II/A1/2009-1, dt 07-08-2009.
4. Govt. Memo. No. 15865/Pts.II/A1/2009-1, dt 25-11-2009.
5. From the Asst. Registrar, APHC., Hyderabad W.P.No.29228 of 2009, dt.31.12.21009.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the District Panchayat Officer , Warangal District has issued Interim directions to withdrawing the cheque power of Smt. Burra Soundarya, Sarpanch of Bhupalpally Gram Panchayat and Mandal of Warangal District.

2. Aggrieved by the said orders, in the reference 2nd read above, Smt. Burra Soundarya, Sarpanch, Bhupalpally Gram Panchayat and Mandal, Warangal District has filed an Appeal Petition before Government requesting to stay the orders issued vide reference 1st read above.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, Government while granting stay against the proceedings of the District Panchayat Officer, Warangal District has requested to the District Panchayat Officer, Warangal to furnish his report in the matter.

4. The case was heard on 10-11-2009. During the hearing there is no satisfactory reply from the Sarpanch as to why large sums are kept with her and as to why the amounts collected towards taxes are not being remitted to the Gram Panchayats. Hence the stay orders was vacated and directing to the District Collector (PW), Warangal to place the Panchayat Secretary who failed to discharge the duties entrusted to him under suspension pending further enquiry ,vide reference 4th read above.

5. In the mean time the Sarpanch has approached to the Hon'ble High Court by filing W.P.No.29228 of 2009 and got interim directions withholding the above Memo and in the said directions it has also directed to dispose of the revision petition within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. The case was heard again on 22.6.2010. During the hearing the Sarpanch and the District Panchayat Officer are present. The Sarpanch has stated that the Panchayat Secretary is responsible for the irregularities. Five Panchayat Secretaries were transferred during last 3 years, due to which there is no proper guidance to her in maintaining the accounts etc. The District Panchayat Officer has stated that the Panchayat Secretary was suspended and he died recently. It is seen from the records that the Sarpanch used to keep heavy cash on hand which is against the rules. The Panchayat Secretary has reported that the month-wise closing balances are as follows and the said amounts were kept with the Sarpanch without remitting to the Bank.

Sl.No.	Month	Closing Balance (Cash in hand)
1.	04/2008	162941-00
2.	05/2008	50262-00
3.	06/2008	104492-00
4.	07/2008	60555-00
5.	08/2008	116471-00
6.	09/2008	373858-00
7.	10/2008	428530-00
8.	11/2008	245123-00
9.	12/2008	400322-00
10.	01/2009	251888-00
11.	02/2009	527942-00
12.	03/2009	427012-00
13.	04/2009	335996-00
14.	05/2009	3406-00
15.	06/2009	164360-00
16.	07/2009	81940-00

7. The District Panchayat Officer has stated that the concerned Banks were informed by him not to honor the cheques issued or presented by the Sarpanch, Bhupalapally until further orders. He has further informed that he given interim orders to the Sarpanch not to draw the Panchayat funds until further orders. He has further informed that he has issued orders on 19-12-2009 permitting the Sarpanch to draw the Panchayat funds, TFC, SFC & BRGF Funds with the counter signature by E.O., Panchayat Raj & Rural Development.

8. Government after going through the record, it is evident that the Sarpanch used to retain heavy amounts with her, contrary to the rules in force. The Sarpanch should not be permitted to draw funds by herself in the interest of the Gram Panchayat. The Appeal Petition filed by the Sarpanch is hereby rejected and the suspension orders issued vide reference 4th cited are vacated. The orders issued by the District Panchayat Officer to draw Panchayat funds jointly by the Sapranch & E.O., Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Bhupalapally continue.

9. The District Collector (PW), Warangal District shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.V.P.C. SASTRY
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The District Collector (PW), Warangal District.
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Employment, Hyderabad.
The District Panchayat Officer, Warangal District.

Copy to:

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SECTION OFFICER